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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/758,144

**Applicant(s)**

HUANG ET AL.

**Examiner**

Tuan T. Lam

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10-12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,13,15,17,18 and 20-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,5-9,14,16 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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### DETAILED ACTION

This is a response to the amendment filed 6/13/2005. Claims 1-22 are pending and are under examination.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 2 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claims 2 and 15, the recitation of "wherein said transistors for receiving ground said fuse detection voltage when said fuse detection enable signal is in a disable condition" is unclear. Therefore, the metes and bounds of the claims can not be determined.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 4, 13, 17-18 and 20-22 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fruhauf et al. (USP 5,291,139).

Figure 1 shows a detection circuit for indicating a blown state or un-blown state of a fuse under detection, comprising a fuse detection circuit part having a fuse under detection (fus1), the fuse detection circuit part producing a fuse detection voltage corresponding to a detection current

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in the fuse under detection, a reference circuit part for generating a reference voltage (ref2), the reference circuit part having a reference fuse (fus2) substantially identical to the fuse under detection in its un-blown state, and the reference voltage being between a fuse detection voltage corresponding to an un-blown state of the fuse under detection and a fuse detection voltage corresponding of a blown stage of the fuse under detection (vref2 is between vref1 (unblown) and 0 volt (blown), thereby distinguishing the blown state from the un-blown state, a comparator (COMP) as called for in claims 1, 13, 18 and 20.

Regarding claims 4, 17 and 22, the reference fuse and the fuse under detection are similar and are inherently having substantially lay out on a circuit board.

Regarding claim 21, since the reference fuse and the fuse under detection are similar thus they are manufactured with the same process steps.

### *Response to Arguments*

3. Applicant's arguments filed 6/13/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Frahauf (USP 5,291,139) neither teaches nor discloses the reference voltage being between a fuse detection voltage corresponding to an un-blown state of the fuse under detection and a fuse detection voltage corresponding to a blown state of the fuse under detection is not persuasive. Applicant is referred to column 2, lines 5-25 which states that the reference voltage level is a function of the state of the fuse (lines 8-10). The passage further teaches that the reference voltage is between 0 volt (blown state of the detection fuse) and 5 volts (unblown state of the detection fuse). Therefore, the limitation of claims 1-2, 4, 13, 15, 17-18 and 20-22 are fully met.

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4. Claims 2 and 15 are having technical deficiencies thus no prior art is applied as this time.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

5. Claims 3, 5-9, 14, 16 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Claims 10-12 are presently allowed.

*Conclusion*

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. In this regard, applicant's cited prior art has been carefully considered.

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T. Lam whose telephone number is 571-272-1744. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday (7:30 am to 6:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TIMOTHY P. CALLAHAN can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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